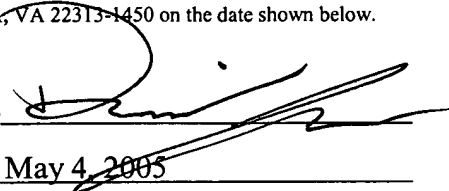


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**In application of: Rota et al.****Application No. 10/822,904****Filed: April 12, 2004****Confirmation No. 7102****For: NOVEL CORONAVIRUS ISOLATED
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for Applicant(s) Date Mailed May 4, 2005**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

This Amendment and Response to Restriction Requirement ("Amendment") is filed in response to the non-final Office action, dated April 4, 2005. A one-month period for reply was set, making a response due on or before May 4, 2005. It is believed that no fees are required in connection with this filing; however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees that may be required to the deposit account referenced on the accompanying transmittal letter.

Applicants provisionally elect the examiner's Group I, with traverse. Applicants believe that at least Groups I, III and IV should be examined together, and therefore request that the Examiner consider the following remarks and amendments, and withdraw or modify the restriction requirement.

Please amend the referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 6.